

SENATOR SCHMIT: But the point is this, when the time comes to increase school aid, you are going to say, oh, no, we have got to pick up some more welfare cost, can't do it and then we are going to hear wailing and gnashing of teeth. Time comes for the University, oh, no, we can't afford it, got to pick up the welfare cost and you are going to beat the welfare issue time after time after time. That is an easy one to run against. I don't mind running against it myself. In my district, there aren't enough people that collect welfare payments to wad a shotgun and we are fortunate. It is just the way it is in the rural areas but the load is there. It is a responsibility of all of us and it should be borne by all of us and the way to bear it is on the basis that was proposed by Senator Frank Lewis. I support the bill because I accept it as the best we can get and I always take a part of a loaf if I can't get a full loaf but I want to make the issue clear that the issue will come back to haunt you time and time and time again. You have only swept 3% of it under the rug.

SENATOR MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The other fifteen percent will come back again.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I was disappointed that Senator Warner did not place his amendment on the bill because it certainly is the only way in this world that anyone with any conscience can support this issue. The fact of the matter is we are about to raise taxes for the people of the state in the amount of not less than and probably more than \$20 million. The minute you take that burden off of the county, you better believe it will be spent immediately. The county will in no way retrench nor acknowledge the receipt of this. I think it would be entirely fitting if every Senator on this floor had to mail a letter to each of his constituents saying I just voted for a bill that will increase your tax by \$20 million. We are going to collect it at the state. We are going to nickel and dime you to death in the grocery store. We are going to withhold it from your checks so you won't really know what has happened to you but we have just raised your taxes another \$20 million. I think it is unfortunate that we even consider taking the small control that we do have through administration of this program locally away from the counties. If you will take note, one county, Madison County, who had some starch, who controlled their welfare, is currently being sued and, God bless them, I hope they win. They have exercised the kind of judgment that was intended to be exercised when Congress invented this whole mess but to sit here and say we are going to do the counties a favor. We are going to do no such thing. We are going to raise taxes for the very few people who are still working and paying taxes, we are going to raise their taxes another \$20 million. Not I.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, this is exactly what I said, I think. Senator Murphy is now saying that all you are doing is raising taxes \$20 million. I hope that no one in here would be so naive as to think when you take \$1680 off the tax burden in my county, that they are going to see